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**FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
FROM : Chief, Hong Kong Bureau
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--April 1988

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I. GENERAL

Local developments have been overshadowed by Beijing's 28 April release of the text of the draft of the Basic Law for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The Bureau filed the English text in 33 takes from CHINA DAILY the next day.

The Basic Law has received the expected mixed reviews since publication. It has received praise from those of the left, and been criticized from those of more democratic persuasion. Some Hong Kong officials and personalities have gone so far as to charge that it violates some of the provisions of the Sino-British accord on the return of Hong Kong to China.

The release of the Basic Law served as an occasion for the Bureau Chief to meet with all local employees to exchange views on Hong Kong's return to China. Hopefully, the meeting will help create a climate at the Bureau that will encourage employees to express any concerns and anxieties they might have over the '97 issue. In response to questions about the future of Hong Kong Bureau, I reiterated the position that FBIS will not make any premature decisions, opting instead to wait until 1992 or 1993 when the details of reversion will have been worked out. Future meetings will be held as interest warrants.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Bureau rounded up its coverage of the NPC and CPPCC sessions by filing numerous reports, commentaries, and articles from the Chinese media on the meetings. Hong Kong and Okinawa Bureaus received a congratulatory message from the Acting Chief, Operations Group on our "successful" coverage.

2. The Chinese media have reported that the party theoretical journal HONGQI will cease publication at the end of June and be replaced by the magazine QIUSHI, SEEKING TRUTH, at the beginning of July. The Bureau is making efforts through its Beijing contractor to receive a subscription to QIUSHI.

3. After receiving the go-ahead from MOD, the Bureau successfully negotiated a rewording of the contract with the CHINA ECONOMIC INFORMATION SERVICE that will allow dissemination of materials filed from this service to lateral consumers, and particularly the BBC. CEI provides basic materials on China's domestic and foreign economic activities, and according to a recent survey conducted by the Chief, Far East Branch, DRD, many consumers are interested in receiving these materials. The Bureau will receive the CEI materials via a database provided by Hong Kong Cable and Wireless. At this time, CEI issues materials on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and has plans to expand its service to five days a week in the future. The Bureau will receive the CEI file through the database, make its selections of publishable materials, and mail the entire week's file to Headquarters for dissemination in a floppy disk. The Bureau expects to be on-line approximately 1 June after C&W installs a dedicated phone line to the database.

4. The Bureau is continuing negotiations with the Chinese news service Hong Kong ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE over contract wording which restricts filing to lateral services. We expect this issue to be resolved soon. In the meantime, ZTS is continuing to provide the Bureau with its service. The Bureau added the Chinese magazine Beijing ZHONGGUO JIZHE (THE CHINESE JOURNALIST) to coverage. With MOD's agreement, the sourceline Haikou Hainan Island Service was changed to Haikou Hainan Provincial Service after the island was designated a province at

the recent NPC.

5. In the Philippines, former Colonel Gregorio Honasan's prison escape as well as the escape of some of his followers, coup threats from the right, anti-U.S. and bases demonstrations, President Aquino's trip to China, and the communist and Muslim insurgencies were only some of the issues that kept the Philippine unit busy this past month. Unit member Isabel Escoda was informed by No Uncertain Terms that a letter she wrote on the difficulties of translating Tagalog-English will soon be published.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of one of the Consulate political officers, the Bureau translated a long piece from the Hong Kong magazine CHIU SHIH NIEN TAI on the developing policy of Taiwan toward China. The Bureau also received high praise from another political officer for its good coverage of the Hong Kong journal CHENG MING. He said our translations aid him immeasurably in his work.

2. At the request of AG analyst [] the Bureau FAX'ed him a copy of the RENMIN RIBAO text of the approved Li Peng government work report to the NPC.

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C. Communications

Thanks in large part to Communications Supervisor [] [] preparations and her briefing each member of the staff on the new message format, the Bureau easily made the transition on the 25th. Each editor, monitor, and teletypist received a booklet on the new format with examples to follow.

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D. Technical

1. Regional Engineer [] 25-29 April TDY to Hong Kong to oversee the final installation of the Bureau's new microwave path and testing was yet again postponed when the needed flange connectors did not arrive on schedule. The connectors finally arrived on 2 May, and [] is now scheduled to TDY 15-21 May.

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2. The technicians replaced a defective AGC meter drive transistor ECG166 in the Bureau's microwave unit.

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3. A Victor monitor DM-14, S/N 4506611G, was returned to Headquarters when it was discovered that a flyback transformer had burned out.

4. The technicians are designing a DTMF encoder and decoder that, if successful, will be used on the Manila remote system. The idea is to eliminate human control of the switches at the control site, thereby reducing the risk that the switches at the remote site will not be returned to their proper settings after a conversation between Manila and the Bureau or after FAX'ing from Manila to the Bureau.

III. ADMINISTRATION

1. New Senior Editor [] arrived at the Bureau on the 6th. STAT

2. Senior Editor [] departed on the 14th for home leave and then PCS to Jordan Bureau as Deputy Chief. STAT

3. Deputy Chief [] interviewed and tested several applicants for the soon-to-be-vacant Associate Editor position. A final candidate has been selected, and the Bureau has begun her local processing. STAT

4. Processing is continuing for two Chinese monitor applicants.

5. The State Department has approved a 2.36-percent salary increase for local employees that is retroactive to 31 January. The Bureau currently is awaiting Headquarters authorization before implementation.

IV. VISITS

1. Chief, ESG [] TDY'ed at the Bureau 18-21 April. During his TDY, Bob visited the remote antenna site at Mount Butler, met with the Equitorial representatives on their satellite plans, and reviewed the electronics network at the Bureau. STAT

2. On the 8th, DDI analyst [] met with the Bureau Chief and Deputy to discuss Philippine coverage. She highly praised the Bureau's coverage, and was particularly STAT

laudatory of the installation of the Manila remote, which she also visited during a subsequent TDY in Manila.

3. The Bureau Chief on the 28th met with a visiting GAO inspector to discuss local housing concerns and needs.

V. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Newly arrived Senior Editor [] mettle was tested on Sunday, the 24th, when during a communications outage the teletypist on duty, [], suffered a ruptured ulcer. Henry was quickly dispatched to a hospital, where he underwent an emergency operation. He is now recuperating well.

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Over the Easter vacation, Deputy Chief [] and several other fathers led the Hong Kong International School Boy Scout troop into China for a 4-day campout at a workers seaside resort in Shenzhen. Despite rainy weather and the emergency evacuation of one sick Scout, Bill and the boys had a good time and made a contribution to improving Chinese-American relations.

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Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1224060
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	77740
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1693

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	3445	20430	249
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

CHINA

BEIJING DOMESTIC SERVICE IN MANDARIN	0
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	7000
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9150
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	16390
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7760
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4100
HAIKOU HAINAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2050
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5300
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4230
LHASA TIBET REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7000
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11230
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1450
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3170
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	14130

XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9380	
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2540	
YINCHUAN NINGXIA REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	0	
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5560	
BEIJING XINHUA IN ENGLISH		480
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE		4610
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE		37150
HONG KONG XINHUA IN ENGLISH		2290
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE		7510
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH		83440
BEIJING FAZHI RIBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE		1170
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE		23450
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE		46300
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN BAO IN CHINESE		20650
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE		2790
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE		16500
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE		11760
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE		61970
BEIJING JINGJIXUE.ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE		2260
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE		7360
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE		0

BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	15010
BEIJING QUNYAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	190830
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	3500
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	5000
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO JINGJI TIZHI GAIGE IN CHINESE	2410
BEIJING ZHONGGUO JIZHE IN CHINESE	4410
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	0
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	15150
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	500
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	1710
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	1650
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	44430
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN CHINESE	24770
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	7720

WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	5900

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	470
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED IN ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH	42750
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	15650
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH	2160
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE	6310
HONG KONG CHIEH FANG YUEH KAN IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE	10890
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE	4180
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH	1380
HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH	18610
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE	1940
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE	11250
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE	4800
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG SING TAO JIH PAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH	41270

HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA SUNDAY MORNING POST IN ENGLISH	8530
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN ENGLISH	3010
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE	12720
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH	2440
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE	16470

PHILIPPINES	
BAGUIO CITY MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	2210
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	9370
MANILA MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY DZRH IN ENGLISH	1110
MANILA MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY DZRH IN TAGALOG	7080
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN TAGALOG	25380
QUEZON CITY GMA-7 RADIO-TELEVISION ARTS NETWORK IN ENGLISH	1040
QUEZON CITY GMA-7 RADIO-TELEVISION ARTS NETWORK IN TAGALOG	4380
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN ENGLISH	2330
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN TAGALOG	25450
QUEZON CITY SPORTS RADIO 738 IN ENGLISH	1810
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY PERIODIKO DABAW IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA BUSINESS STAR IN ENGLISH	28270
MANILA BUSINESS WORLD IN ENGLISH	29220
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN ENGLISH	11060
MANILA MANILA STANDARD IN ENGLISH	1510
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY GLOBE IN ENGLISH	35850

MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN ENGLISH	27080
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN ENGLISH	34460
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH	200
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA THE PHILIPPINES STAR IN ENGLISH	1440
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY MALAYA IN ENGLISH	5710
QUEZON CITY NATIONAL MIDWEEK IN ENGLISH	1150
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN ENGLISH	0